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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator Birch Bayh (D., Ind.) re S. 782

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1. [] and I called on Senator Birch Bayh and reminded him of our continued concern over the Ervin bill (S. 782 - Constitutional Rights of Federal Employees). Senator Bayh assured us of his full support but, like Ed Braswell of Senate Armed Services Committee staff, doubted that the senior southern members of the Committee--long-time friends of Senator Ervin--would wish to confront him on this issue. Senator Bayh thought that before going too far, one more effort should be made by the Director to try to get Senator Ervin to understand our problem. The Senator also expressed uncertainty as to whether Committee hearings on the bill would be conducted and agencies queried--if not, he said, things might move fairly rapidly. He said he would check into the matter and advise us.

2. We cautioned the Senator that we hoped word of our having talked with him would not get back to Senator Ervin or his colleagues. He assured us he would be discreet, remarking he had openly led the fight on the floor and would quite logically be interested in the problem now that it has been reintroduced. He said he would like a blind memo of backup material, which we will provide.

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